

The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2005

Sec. 1: Short Title: “Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2005.”

Sec. 2: Reauthorization of Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

- Extends the Act through September 31, 2013 (Fiscal Year 2013)
- Allows counties, as with the original Act, to opt out of the bill’s county payments and resume their traditional payments; as with the original Act, such an opt-out lasts for two years
- Clarifies existing law that counties are to be paid first from 25 percent of timber sales receipts collected by the U.S. Forest Service and from 50 percent of timber sales receipts collected by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, and subsequently from the Treasury to cover any shortfall in the calculated payment
- Clarifies existing law that the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture may reappoint members of the Resource Advisory Councils (RACs)
- Makes the Merchantable Material Contracting pilot program discretionary, to be implemented at RAC request
- Adds a requirement that counties must report to the Secretary of Agriculture on their use of Title III funds, after which the Secretary shall provide a report on those expenditures to Congress
- Technical corrections and grammatical corrections making the words of the Act consistent with definitions in the Act.

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